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## **[CAA warns consumers as Lowcostonline moves business to Spain](#)**

01/11/2013. The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is warning customers who have forward bookings with Lowcostonline Ltd to carefully consider their options following the company's announcement that it is moving its business to Spain.

## **[FAA allows wider onboard gadget use](#)**

01/11/2013. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that airlines can safely expand passenger use of Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs) during all phases of flight, and is immediately providing the airlines with implementation guidance.

## **[Air Travel Demand Continues to Improve](#)**

31/10/2013. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced global passenger traffic results for September showing a continuation of the strong demand trend despite a slight slowdown from August. Total revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) rose 5.5% compared to September 2012. Capacity increased at a slightly lower pace at 5.3% over the same period. The load factor in September (80.3%) was largely in line with levels achieved in September 2012.

## **[Air traffic control tower could win Building of the Year](#)**

31/10/2013. MANCHESTER Airport's new air traffic control tower is on the shortlist for tonight's Building of the Year Award.

## **[Europe launches €4m drone demonstration programme](#)**

30/10/2013. The future integration of drones into European airspace is to be researched as part of a €4 million bid by the SESAR research programme.

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## **Global Cargo Growth Stabilizes – Regional Variances Remain**

30/10/2013. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released figures showing cargo growth stabilizing in September following recent months of slow but steady growth. The slow-but-steady global growth picture is colored by significant regional variation. Asia-Pacific airlines experienced a 3.1% fall in cargo activity compared to last September whereas carriers in the Middle East reported 9.9% growth.

## **Austro Control Designs Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Procedure for Greek Airport**

30/10/2013. Austrian ANSP Austro Control with its Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) Team has successfully designed and flight tested a new RNP AR (Required Navigation Performance - Authorization Required) Approach to Runway 09 in Heraklion (LGIR) on the Greek Island of Crete. The high-end approach procedure is the first Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Procedure in the country.

## **New Safety Training Programme Launched at Airways**

30/10/2013. Airways New Zealand has developed a training programme that further advances the professionalism of its air traffic control staff and reduces human factor risk. Airways' Acting Head of Training, Kelly de Lambert, says that with nearly 100 of the organisation's 300 radar and tower controllers already through the two day programme, the results have been immediate. "We've developed the PULSE course as professional development for our people, and it's equating to a culture shift within our company," she explains.

## **Eurocontrol presses on with shared services**

28/10/2013. Europe's transport ministers are understood to be offering firm support to the concept of centralised support services for the region's air traffic control agencies, something which unions warn could compromise the safety of travelling through its airspace. On 16 September, European Union transport

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ministers met in Vilnius to discuss progress and next steps for the Single European Sky.

## [NextGen executives told to 'right-size and review'](#)

28/10/2013. Delivery of the \$40 billion NextGen switch to satellite-based air traffic control systems will likely remain highly vulnerable to the vicissitudes of political caprice. Speaking at this year's Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) conference and exposition held in Washington D.C., industry leaders took an honest look at the real and potential impact of sequestration on next-generation air traffic management.

## [UK mulls wider rollout of instrument approaches](#)

28/10/2013. A consultation on the wider availability of instrument approach procedures at smaller UK aerodromes has been launched by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The number of aerodromes which could be approved for instrument approaches could increase as a consequence.

## [NASA laser comms sets lunar data transmissions record](#)

28/10/2013. NASA's Lunar Laser Communication Demonstration (LLCD) has made history using a pulsed laser beam to transmit data over the 239,000 miles between the moon and Earth at a record-breaking download rate of 622 megabits per second (Mbps).

## [IHS Jane's ATC Awards - Call for nominations](#)

25/10/2013. Gain recognition and celebrate your achievements at the IHS Jane's ATC Award ceremony taking place on 03 March in Madrid during the CANSO ATM Dinner.